

HCS SB 175 -- FOOD AND BEVERAGES

SPONSOR: Loudon (Cooper, 120)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tax Policy by a vote of 16 to 0.

This substitute creates a food recovery program for restaurants and charitable or nonprofit organizations to provide food to needy persons.

Definitions for "donor," "food," "perishable food," and "prepared food" are created. Any donor and charitable or nonprofit organization acting in good faith will not be subject to criminal penalty or civil damages arising from the condition of the food.

The substitute also repeals various outdated statutes related to inspection of non-intoxicating beverages by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow donations of food to the needy by restaurants and nonprofit organizations who in the past were unable to do so because of tight restrictions and potential liability.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Cunningham (86) for Senator Loudon.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Bill Tucker, Deputy Director of Research